The issue regarding the ED Agents involve basic principles relating to the terms and conditions of employment under the Central Government, and hence these call for extensive examination in depth, and in consultation with other nodal Departments/Ministries of the Government of India.

In this context, the efforts of the Department of Posts to modernise the services with new technology and generate more revenue through premier services and products specifically tailored to meet the requirements of commercial/business sector are also relevant.

Seizure of bank guarantee of Cell Operators

5357. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have seized bank guarantees of cell operators; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) As and when the circumstances so warrant, the Government takes action to record its lien on, or to encash the Bank Guarantees furnished by the service providers in terms of the license agreements. A lien was accordingly recorded recently in respect of a few bank guarantees of some cellular operators to secure the interest of the Government vis- a-vis the outstanding wireless dues and future payments of license fee as revenue share.

Purchase of Hindi Typewriters

†5358. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Departments under the Ministry which don't have a single Hindi typewriter so far;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing the Hindi typewriter so far and the officers responsible for such kind of neglignece; and

(c) the action taken to ensure the compliance of targets fixed for the purchase of Hindi typewriter by the Department of Official Language in its annual Hindi programme?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.